

REMARKS

I. Status of the claims

Claims 1-5 and 7-27 are pending in this application. Claims 16-27 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner. Claim 6 is canceled.

Without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 1 has been amended to remove the negative limitation. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the claims and specification as originally filed. See, e.g., originally filed claim 1. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office's withdrawal of its previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a), and its indication of allowable subject matter upon overcoming the remaining rejection.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Office rejects claims 1-5 and 7-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention, *i.e.*, lack of written description support for the claimed subject matter in the specification. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the "limitations 'wherein said mixture of ingredients does not include carbodiimide catalyst[s] containing phospholene oxide and heterocyclic nitrogen containing polyols containing at least two beta-hydroxy terminated carbamate groups' are nowhere supported in the Applicant's specification." Final Office Action at page 2,

paragraph 3. Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses this rejection for at least the reasons of record.

However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the negative limitation at issue, according to the Office's suggestion. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is moot, and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact Deborah Sharfman at (202) 408-4368, if any matter may be resolved by a telephone conference.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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